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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF PAUL FOUCHET AS FRENCH
AMBASSADOR TO STOCKHOLM

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1. ON OCTOBER 9 THE ELYSEE ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT
OF PAUL FOUCHET AS FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO STOCKHOLM,
REPLACING RAYMOND GASTAMBIDE.

2. A DOCTOR OF LAW AND HOLDING A DEGREE IN LETTERS,
PAUL FOUCHET' 62, BEGAN HIS DIPLOMATIC CAREER IN 1938.
FOLLOWING POSTINGS TO ADDIS ABABA, ANKARA, AND
BAGHDAD, AND WITH THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR II, HE
JOINED THE FRENCH RESISTANCE (1942) WHERE HE SERVED IN
VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC CAPACITIES UNTIL 1944. AFTER THE
WAR, FOUCHET WAS ATTACHED TO THE FRENCH DELEGATION TO
THE CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL FOR ITALIAN AFFAIRS. HE
WAS THEN NAMED ASSISTANT CONSUL AT MILAN IN 1945 BEFORE
BECOMING ASSISTANT CHIEF OF CABINET FOR THE MINISTER FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS. FIRST SECRETARY IN NEW DELHI (1947),
AND COUNSELOR FOR THE FRENCH DELEGATION TO THE SPECIAL
COMMISSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE BALKANS (1949)
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HE WAS APPOINTED FIRST SECRETARY

AT ATHENS (1950-1952), AND BECAME AN AUDITOR AT THE NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE (JANUARY - JULY 1953). HE THEN RETURNED TO PARIS TO BECOME CHIEF OF MISSION FOR THE CABINET OF PRIME MINISTER JOSEPH LANIEL, BEFORE BEING NAMED SECOND COUNSELOR AT VIENNA (1954-1959). FROM VIENNA, FOUCHET MOVED TO THE DEPUTY DIRECTORSHIP OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CULTURAL AFFAIRS SECTION. HE THEN SUCCESSIVELY HEADED THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (1959) AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION SERVICE (1960). FOUCHET HAS SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO NIAMEY (1962) SANTO DOMINGO (1964), TRIPOLI (1966-1969) AND BRASILIA (1972-1974). BETWEEN AMBASSADORIAL ASSIGNMENTS, HE WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR CULTURAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RELATIONS (1969-1972). FOUCHET, REPORTEDLY A LINGUIST OF SOME ABILITY, SPEAKS AT LEAST ENGLISH AND ITALIAN, IN ADDITION TO HIS NATIVE FRENCH.

FOUCHET IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER MARIE LABBE AND IS AN OFFICER OF THE LEGION OF HONOR.

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